

In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2003, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 14.

Please amend claims 12 and 13 as follows:

-- 12. (Twice Amended) An optical ferrule comprising a ferrule body, wherein a concave portion is formed for confirming confirmation factors such as a material of said ferrule body or sorts of optical fiber held in said ferrule body; and said concave portion is formed in a flange portion of said ferrule body, and a gate for resin molding is disposed in said concave portion.

13. (Twice Amended) The optical ferrule according to claim 1, wherein said concave portion is formed at a portion other than a flange portion of said ferrule body. --

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1240.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to our Deposit